



Memorandum

TO: Historic Landmarks Commission

FROM: Courtney Damkroger

SUBJECT: Metcalf Road Property Draft EIR

DATE: September 24, 2002

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BACKGROUND

This Staff Report is to inform the Landmarks Commission that there is currently a Draft EIR for the Metcalf Road Property General Plan Amendments and Planned Development Rezoning on file. The Draft EIR can be accessed at: <http://www.ci.san-jose.ca.us/planning/sjplan/eir/eir.htm>.

The report covers Braddock & Logan Group's General Plan Amendment application from Low Density Residential (5 du/ac) and Non-Urban Hillside to Medium Density Residential (8-16du/ac) and Non-Urban Hillside; and Planned Development (PD) zoning application to allow the construction of up to 213 single-family detached residential dwelling units on 31.5 acres of a 257.2-gross-acre site easterly of U.S. 101, northerly of Metcalf Road.

The Public Review Period begins: September 6, 2002 and ends: October 21, 2002 and there is a tentative Planning Commission Certification Hearing: October 21, 2002. For questions or comments regarding this DEIR, please contact: Project Manager Ron Eddow at 408 277- 4576 or email ron.eddow@ci.sj.ca.us.

ANALYSIS

The southwest portion of the site was occupied by the Twin Oaks Dairy which dates from c. 1915. The dairy was composed of nine buildings including a feed barn, milking barn, milk house, stable wagon barn and horse livery and several houses or sheds. In 1976 the dairy was found to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places when evaluated under CEQA and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, prior to the completion of the U.S. 101/South Bay Freeway project. As mitigation, the site was recorded in compliance with the Historic American Buildings Survey and the Feed Barn was disassembled and moved to History San Jose. The remainder of the nine buildings were demolished.

A residence and several seriously deteriorated sheds remain within the area of the Twin Oaks Dairy and are not individually significant to the history of the site or San Jose. The remaining buildings do not qualify for the San Jose Historic Resources Inventory. A copy of the Historic Report included as the Technical Appendix C is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff has included this report as information to the Landmarks Commission.

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Historic Preservation Officer

Attachments
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